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TAGS: OVIP (SCHELESINGER, JAMES R.)

SUBJECT: NPG MEETING IN THE HAGUE: ASSESSMENT OF US-DUTCH  
RELATIONS

REF: THE HAGUE 4450

1. REFTEL PROVIDED A CONCISE ASSESSMENT OF US-DUTCH RELATIONS, AS REQUESTED FOR EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN LONDON IN MID-OCTOBER. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MAY WISH TO HAVE A LOOK AT IT PRIOR TO HIS MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS VREDELING AND VAN DER STOEL. ASSESSMENT IS STILL CURRENT AND VALID.

2. ONLY IMPORTANT ADDITION IS RECENT HOSTILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST AND DUTCH ORIENTATION TOWARD ISRAELI SIDE OF THE CONFLICT AND THEIR RESULTANT ISOLATION FROM MOST OF THEIR EC PARTNERS. THIS HAS BROUGHT THEM CLOSER TO THE UNITED STATES, ANOTHER POSITIVE BY-PRODUCT HAS BEEN INCREASED DUTCH AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR A STRONG NATO TO MEET THE DANGERS STEMMING FROM SOVIET INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE ARABS.

3. RIGHT NOW THE MAJOR PREOCCUPATION FOR THE GON AND THE DUTCH  
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PEOPLE IS THE ARAB OIL BOYCOTT, ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED

FOR AND IS EXPECTING HELP FROM THE EC. IN DUTCH EYES THIS IS VERY  
LIKELY TO BE A CRUCIAL TEST OF EC SOLIDARITY, WHICH GON AND THE  
DUTCH PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED.  
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